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By the time this is in print, the fifth annual meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Convention will be at the high noon of its session at the great Baptist City of Meridian. There are many advantages afforded by these gatherings, which may be considered incidental, and yet they are of much value. The matter of our young people from all over the State enlarging and cultivating acquaintance with each other is quite a consideration: It is always worth a great deal to know the people who are engaged in our cause. This affords inspiration and encouragement. Also the opportunity of travel afforded by these annual meetings is not without value to them. They see the different parts of our great State and note the difference in the customs in the different towns. All this means enlargement and development to ambitious youth.

We expect that the editor of the B. Y. P. U. Department will treat our readers to a palatable spread of good things in our next issue. These Conventions make Baptist history, which ought to be recorded in our Baptist paper. If the key-word, "Soul-winning" and the fine array of striking topics in the program are an index to what the meeting will really be, it will repay any one to attend.

This time it is Rev. G. B. Butler, of Natchez. He has been called to Bryan, Texas; and, after due consideration, he has decided to leave the people whom he loves so well and among whom his labors have been so blessed of the Lord for nearly five years. We feel a little rebellious at this draft, as we had come to reckon Bro. Butler as one of the permanent mainstays in our denominational forces. But Texas, without our knowledge or consent, has won him, and will soon take him away from us. We do not know how to explain Texas' conduct except upon the principle of force of habit. She has just taken from us until she seems to think that what is ours belongs to her. But if he can better glorify the Master at Bryan than at Natchez, we will quietly yield, as to magnify the name of him who bought us is the business of all of us. We are glad for Bryan, but anxious for Natchez. Bro. Butler's place will be difficult to fill, but the Lord can do it, if every body will keep out of his way. We have two requests to make of our big sister, Texas. First, that she treat our exile always in first-class style, as he has been accustomed to this sort of treatment, and would not know how to adapt himself to any other sort. Second, that she concern herself to have him write quite often for THE BAPTIST.

This name is familiar to many in Mississippi, more especially in the Delta, where he was "abundant in labors," for the last decade, until a year ago, when he became too feeble for ministerial duties. For nearly all his ministerial life, he suffered of a throat affection, which at times was very acute and painful. For more than a year he had been gradually declining, but, during the last two months, he failed very rapidly, until the morning of Oct. 29, when he quietly fell asleep in Jesus, at the Green Tree House, in Jackson, operated by his brother-in-law, Mr. T. O. Byrd. Many of his ministerial brethren called on him, and did what they could for him. Also his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Hooker, of Sardis, was with him during his last days. All was done for him that could be done, but the Master called, and he had to go. His remains were carried to Carrollton and entered by the side of those of his wife, who preceded him to the home above six years. He was a good preacher, a warm hearted brother and a friend as true as steel. He loved the Lord's work, and would divide to the last farthing all he had to support it. We knew him well, and regarded him as one of the Lord's own. The forthcoming history of Mississippi Baptists will accord to him a large place as a factor in the development of the great Delta work.

The police are investigating the cause of the death of Martin Loew, twenty-seven years old, a student in the dental department of the University of Maryland, whose body was found on the 8th inst. in his room in his boarding-house. His roommate, Ephraim Stone, twenty-three years old, was lying unconscious beside the bed. Loew is from Silesia, Germany, and Stone hails from Cape Town, South Africa. Loew, it is said, has relatives in New York city. His body is at the Morgue.

It is said that the men were initiated last week into Phi Psi Chi, a college fraternity, of which many students of the University are members. From bruises on the bodies of the men it would seem that they had been roughly handled, whether from the initiation or otherwise is not known. An inquest and post-mortem examination will be held by the authorities. Stone has been removed to the Maryland University Hospital. He has regained consciousness, it is reported by the physicians, but they permit no one to see him. He is said to be in an improved condition.

Stanley B. Smith, of St. Johns, N. B. President of the Fraternity, was arrested

on the technical charge of assault. Twenty-five members of the society have been cited to appear before the coroner's jury.

Stone made a rambling statement as to the experience of himself and Loew last night. Neither was physically able to assist the other, he said, although each thought the other was dying in great agony. He claimed that the bruises on the bodies of himself and Loew were due to "hazing" by their classmates, but admits that he and Loew had been recently initiated into the Phi Psi Chi Fraternity.

This barbarous and murderous practice of hazing ought to be stopped at any cost.

The church at Clinton has closed a great meeting, in which Bro. McComb, of Gloster, has aided pastor **Going Forward.** Lipsey. One hundred and twenty-five have been added to the membership, about fifty of whom were by baptism. The handling of the work in this church has been all along a problem which has engaged both the church and the Convention Board. On every hand, Clinton has been regarded as a strategic place. All have felt that it must have as pastor one of our ablest men. This it has done all along. But, while the church has realized this, being weak, it has not been able alone to pay a sufficient salary to hold such a man. It, therefore, became necessary, in order to meet the urgent demands of the situation, for the Convention Board to assist in paying the salary. It has for many years supplemented the salary from \$100 to \$300 or \$400, a year. Now, in the good providence of our God, as one of the developments of the meeting, the church comes nobly to the front, and relieves the Board of any appropriation for Clinton next year. And not content with this splendid achievement, they go a step further, and add to the pastor's salary \$100 more than he has been receiving. This development reveals a very gratifying state of things in Clinton, and adds another proof to the wisdom of the Board in its appropriations of funds, though some good brethren doubted the wisdom of the Board in helping Clinton. Now, Clinton, with several other churches which might be named, is self-sustaining, and will, doubtless, turn into the treasury of the Board each passing year more than the Board gave it for any year. As we see on almost every hand the wisdom of the Board in the fruit exhibited in its operations, let every lover of the cause, whether individual or association, re-double his interest and effort in enthusiastic co-operation with the Board. We cannot carry on our work without co-operation.

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The Convention Board.

The Convention Board is called to meet in this city on the 17th inst. Touching the interests of our Lord's kingdom, the meeting will be of great importance. Many applications for help in destitute places will be before the Board. No doubt there will be application for much more money than the Board will have at its disposal. In order to divide the amount of money that will come into the hands of the Board equitably and profitably, great wisdom will be necessary. We are sure that, for wisdom and business ability, the seven men who comprise the Board will compare favorably with any fifteen men that could be brought together. But human wisdom is not equal to the demands of God's work. Realizing this, the Board will very earnestly invoke divine guidance in all their transactions.

But it has occurred to us that the Board would be greatly helped and encouraged if it knew the brotherhood were praying for them in their difficult work. May we request the brethren all over the State to do this?

We know we can say in advance that Secretary Rowe will heartily second this suggestion. Spirit-guided men will honor God. Let prayer be made in our churches on next Lord's day for our Board.

Poodle-Dogs.

We have for many years observed the apparent close affinity between some ladies and some dogs. It has puzzled us to locate the cause of this freak in human nature. We never did blame the dog. If a lady wishes her lap-dog to lie in her lap on silk, or to occupy her bed or sofa, and the dog does it, surely the dog should not be censured for this promotion in social equality. It is to this date a question in our mind as to whether the girl or woman who descends to social equality with the canine tribe deserves censure or pity at the hands of those whose minds are in a normal condition. We have often thought if

all the ardor and wealth of affection sometimes lavished upon canines could be poured out at the feet of our Lord, the world would be better off. Apart from the Scripture which exhorts us to "beware of dogs," there are weighty reasons that occur to one of culture, why human affections and time should not be squandered on poodle-dogs. If the inclination of one's being is in that direction, there really ought to be honest effort at personal improvement. Such lavish bestowal of affection on objects so unworthy, to say nothing about the bad taste displayed, is to our mind a palpable misplacement of a divine endowment. In all seriousness, we ask the question, would it not be more pleasing to God, for each woman who has no better object on which to lavish her feminine affection than a dog, to give the vacant place in her heart to some poor unfortunate orphan? Apropos of this great question we appropriate from an exchange this paragraph:

"Paris society ladies have lately been prohibited from lavishing all the affection of their hearts upon pretty lap-dogs, because the discovery has been made by physicians that certain troublesome and disfiguring skin-diseases are the direct result of the fondling and kissing of such animals. It is to be hoped that the ladies will take the advice of their medical advisers, and hereafter fondle and kiss their children, lovers or husband, rather than their pet dogs, be they ever so 'cute' and clever. This lap dog craze has about reached the limit. It is an unendurable nuisance, and a rank injustice to men. Women have no business kissing dogs when there are so many good-looking fellows just aching to receive satisfactorily tangible proofs of women's amorous affections. It is surprising, indeed, that no husband has yet thought himself justified to institute divorce proceedings on the ground that his wife's love was alienated from him by her favorite lap-dog."

Notes and Comments.

This paragraph from the young and enthusiastic Gates carries its own commendation in its tone and ring. Why not all of us wear an air of hopefulness? "We have just packed and sent a box to our missionary, Bro. J. W. Harvey at Seymour, Texas. Only four churches in the association contributed. The box was valued at \$90.20. Senatobia's contribution was \$67.05. Brother, we can do, and we are doing."

The church at Crowville, La., has called Rev. E. E. Smith again for next year, for half of his time, at a salary of three hundred and fifty dollars. He spends the other half in mission and Bible work in the winter and holding meetings in the summer. This church had been paying its pastor one hundred dollars for 1/4 of his time, but this year they have built a pastor's home, received up to date fifty members, thirty-one by baptism, and will give five hundred dollars to all purposes.

The Baptist Standard of the 5th, is indeed a picture gallery. It contains the pictures of over 90 Baptist men and women, of more or less prominence, besides some groups. We note that the two Buckners occupy the first page and that Dr. Gambrell has the first place on the second page. We enjoy looking into the faces of the men and women who are in the forefront of the Lord's work. We could never have an impression of the looks of many of these, if we did not see their pictures in some paper. When one reads for a good while after some brilliant writer, he naturally desires to know how he looks. These picture galleries gratify this desire, and especially so when the pictures are good, as we find them in *The Baptist Standard*.

It is sad to give up our great and good men and women, who have done so much for the cause of Christ and whom we love so well. In 1892, the Christian world felt itself sorely bereft in the death of Charles H. Spurgeon, one of the world's greatest preachers. And the sense of loss was all the keener, as the great man was fairly in his prime, being only 58 years of age. On the 22nd of October the eminently useful life of Mrs. Spurgeon came to an end. She was abundant in labors, both before and after the death of her illustrious husband. But though the faces of the dead can be seen no more, yet their wholesome influence is left a valuable legacy to the friends who survive. It is said that many of the older members of the great tabernacle church feel sorely bereft in the death of Mrs. Spurgeon.

Many are the notices of good meetings among the churches. The alert pastor at Corinth, Rev. Austin A. Crouch, writes as follows of one recently in his church: "We have just closed a two weeks' meeting. The pastor did the preaching and Bro. H. A. Wolfsohn led the singing. There were eighteen additions to the church—making about one hundred additions this year. Bro. Wolfsohn is very fine help in a meeting. He is a consecrated Christian, a fine soloist and a magnificent leader of the choir. He left Monday to attend the Texas Baptist State Convention. Sunday morning we raised a little over twelve hundred and fifty dollars to pay what we owe on the parsonage. This is a great people and the Baptist outlook here is very bright." An aggressive leader will generally have followers enough to accomplish his purpose in a great work.

A Letter From Home.

Such does "THE BAPTIST" seem to a loyal Mississippi Baptist far away from home.

How gladly we welcome its coming and how eagerly we peruse its pages—hastily at first to get the main news, and then more carefully to get the full benefit. Even the advertisements are interesting as their position gives them the tone of honesty, a thing much lacking in the advertisements of today.

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We love to read the paper: first, because we appreciate the man under whose management it is making such steady progress; again, because we know of those who write for its columns; and most of all, because it tells us of the progress of the Master's kingdom within our home State.

As we read the glowing accounts of revivals we can see the pastors' smiling face and hear the helpers' earnest words. Among the number of those baptized we feel that there is a friend or loved one and we enter into the joy of the success. We always read, with a feeling of sympathy, the lines of sadness, for we feel that the loved ones gone were one of us.

The reports of the associations are matters of especial interest just now. They tell of toil and success in the Master's work. They tell of sweet communion one with another; of thrilling songs, earnest prayers and inspiring talks and sermons. They tell of firm resolves and grim determination for yet greater advancement under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May these notes be but a prelude to an ever growing and thrilling melody of service and success as the months come and go.

As the merchants and farmers, along with all others, of God-blessed Mississippi, gather, in multiplied increase, the fruit of the year's toil may they, with grateful hearts, return unto the Lord a due portion of his gracious bounty. Then shall there come as never before that growth of knowledge in our Lord and Master. Our lives will grow purer, our hopes brighter and our faith stronger day by day.

The writer, though far from home and very busy, will always have time to read the letters from home and rejoice in every item of progress.

Let more of the pastors,—and laymen too—write for our paper and let the number of her readers grow steadily and rapidly.

B. SIMMONS.

820 First St., Louisville, Ky.

Reminiscences of a Former Mississippian.

I did not exactly promise to write up our late visit to Mississippi for your paper, but after getting back to Texas I find myself so often thinking over the experiences and the observations and the pleasures of the trip that I have concluded to jot down some reminiscences to relieve my own mind and to get audience of your readers a few minutes. Wife and I were on a "bridal tour" you know. We had celebrated our "golden wedding" in February and we thought it a good time to make a "tour." You see we were not in much of a hurry to start out on this late honeymoon nor to get back as we spent about three months in our native State. We were glad that the Mississippi Baptist State Convention met a day or two after we reached the State as it afforded us an opportunity to see many of the representative Baptists of the new generation as well as the few left of our own generation as well of the past century. Then we had a sort of family

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reunion in Yazoo City that was almost inexpressibly enjoyable. We met my oldest sister—my senior by two and a half years—at the home of her daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughters. We had not met in thirty-four years. You know we also met our boy E. Y. They call him Dr. E. Y. Mullins now, and from all I could see and hear he seems to be a great favorite with Mississippi Baptists. You may call him *Doctor* if you like, he is our own Edgar all the same. By the way when that call was made for father, mother and son to stand on the platform to be looked at, it was "almost more than my wife was able to bear." It was "so sudden" you know. She survived it however and remembers it with keenest pleasure. I was a little amused sometimes while mingling with the brethren. For instance, a good brother who was class-mate of E. Y., in the Seminary, in conversation said to me, "You have great reason to be proud of your son." A brother who had known me before the war said, "Yes, and Dr. Mullins has great reason to be proud of his father." Some of the older brethren would ask, "Is Dr. Mullins a son of S. G. Mullins?" Some of the younger ones when introduced to me would ask, "Is this the father of Dr. Mullins?" and as the younger are largely in the majority and are constantly increasing I concluded that about the best thing I could do was simply to be the father. He must increase but I must decrease.

I did not witness all the proceedings of the convention but an admirable spirit seemed to characterize every one and to pervade all the business of the body. If there was any friction or any material diversity of opinion among the brethren they succeeded beautifully in keeping it out of sight. It was a real pleasure to witness the harmony and brotherly kindness manifested everywhere. It was always thus among Mississippi Baptists. I never knew of any unpleasant rivalry or bitter feeling among the brethren in the long ago. "In honor preferring one another" was ever the rule in the old State. May it ever continue thus. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. I shall cherish the memories of the Convention while life lasts.

Well, this is a good place to stop, so I will hold up till next week. I shall have a little more to say later.

Fraternally,

S. G. MULLINS.

Corsicana, Texas.

Matthew 18:15.

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone."—Jesus.

"Briefly I want to call attention to an error" made by Bro. L. L. Boone as shown in THE BAPTIST of October 29, 1903, page 7, "which is fearfully at variance with the spirit—if not the letter of the above quotation and my idea of prudence. The quotation assumes that brethren are not faultless and experience demonstrates the truth of the assumption. The quotation also

gives directions of how a brother must act when he feels that a trespass has been committed against him. The Sunday-school Board at Nashville employs the man for the quarterly, whom they believe "sound in the doctrines." That man as a man and brother is not faultless. Should any one feel that an error has been committed by him in his "explanatory notes" on the lessons, the spirit of the above quotation Matthew 18:15, requires that he tell the error between himself and the Board and not to the public through the press. Besides it is not prudent to so publish it. It tends to cripple the good influence of our Board and lowers them in the distinction of others and above all to wound their feelings by such complaints. Besides it is a hindrance instead of an aid to our S. S. Work.

Now beloved brethren, called to be saints, let me beseech you, by the grace of God, in all matters of this kind, don't publish it to the world till all other means of correction have been exhausted.

Fraternally,

J. H. WHITFIELD.

Brandon, Miss., Nov. 1st, 1903.

Reply to Bro. T. A. J. Beasley's Question.

The question propounded "where does Bro. Boone stand—where is he at?"

I stand upon the promises of God, "For he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

I am at the same place Bro. Beasley is at, "Once in Christ always in Christ."

But to Scripture quoted Heb. 6th, "If they shall fall away. After having tasted of the heavenly gifts and the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come and made partakers of the Holy Ghost," as we read in the preceding verses and the "If they shall fall away" might occur—but to follow Paul on in his argument it is evident that Paul was giving a positive assurance to those referred to in the first and second verses that if it was possible for them to fall away, (which seemed to be a troublesome question with some) it would leave them in the lamentable condition of being beyond the reach of repentance, therefore could never again renew their former relation to the Lord of glory. But Paul continues his argument and shows that he was persuaded or had had a better knowledge of them and the things that accompany salvation, than to believe that they who were washed in the Blood of the Lamb were in a fallen or lost state although he should thus speak. "Let brotherly love continue."

Thank you Bro. Beasley for your lovely spirit and kind criticism.

L. L. BOONE.

Virgil, Miss.

In your issue of the 8th, in writing up the Rankin County Association will you please note the mistake, in mentioning the officers. The clerk is David J. Miley, the treasurer is Sol. Welch, instead of T. J. Miley and Brother Robbins.

Truly yours,

SOL. WELCH.

The Scriptural and the Historic Episcopate.

I read with care and candor Bishop Gair's reported sermon at the consecration of Dr. Bratton as Protestant Episcopal bishop of Mississippi. I was anxious to see a scriptural defence of diocesan episcopacy. I confess to real disappointment. There was much in the sermon about historic episcopacy, but nothing about New Testament episcopacy, and this Book with its not only the supreme but also the exclusive authority in Christian faith and practice.

The text placed at the head of the address was: "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem." Acts 16:4. The preacher insisted that there should be order and authority in the church, and assumed that this order and power with the right to use it was vested in Bishops who are now successors of the Apostles. The text was not happily chosen. The head put onto the body did not fit it. The ordination and decrees mentioned beyond all question was that Jewish converts should not be required to pass through Judaism into Christianity, but should be received directly, apart from any Jewish rite and ceremony. Acts 15:5, 4. And this decision was not an ordination of Apostles only, but of "the Apostles and elders, with the whole church." Acts 15:22. In other words, it was an agreement on the part of Jewish Christians to receive Gentile bodies directly into the sisterhood of churches.

It was suggested, if not claimed, in the discourse that the succession of Episcopal bishops is to be traced, not back to Peter and the church in Rome, but unto Paul and the church in Britain. But Newman says in his Manual of Church History that it is impossible to discover the exact date or manner of the conversion of the Britons, and the traditions of the introduction of Christianity during the apostolic age are unhistorical, that diocesan episcopacy did not exist among British Christians at the close of the sixth century, and that they absolutely refused to recognize human authority in matters of religion. Vol. I, pages 409, 440. But if not through Paul and British Christians, is not the historic episcopate of apostolic origin?

I never knew a more pains-taking and thorough student, a more impartial teacher and writer, than Dr. William Williams. He said in his lectures on Church History that "In the writings of the Apostolic fathers, in those of Justin in the middle of the second century, and of Irenaeus toward the close of the second century, the terms bishop and elder are applied indifferently to the same officer. Not even is Ignatius an exception, when fairly interpreted and restricted to those epistles least liable to the charge of a want of genuineness or of authority."

There is no episcopacy, no ministerial superiority, in the New Testament. The officers of an apostolic church were bishops, or elders, and deacons. The former are

called indifferently bishops and elders. These are not names of different offices but names of the same office. The same person who is called elder in one place is called bishop, or overseer, in another. Acts 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5, 7. Paul salutes only bishops and deacons in Philippians, and gives the qualifications of only bishops and deacons in his epistle to Timothy. It would seem that to him who examines this question impartially there can be no doubt that diocesan episcopacy is a radical change in the apostolic organization.

This is not the claim of a narrow-minded sectarian. The learned Dr. Lightfoot of the Church of England, in his Commentary on the Epistle to the Philippians, says on page 93 that "it is a fact now recognized by theologians of all shades of opinion, that in the language of the New Testament the same officer in the church is called indifferently bishop and elder, or presbyter." Moreover, learned men of the Episcopal church do not hesitate to admit that episcopacy is not found in the New Testament, and that it was gradually introduced at a later period. Litton, of the Church of England, in his work on The Church of Christ, says on page 286: "In truth it does seem an arduous task to attempt to discover in the inspired record, taken alone, the existence of an order of ministers not apostles, and yet superior to presbyters and deacons." On page 302, he continues: "So long as the advocates of episcopacy are content to rest their cause upon *post-apostolic testimony*, their position is impregnable, it is only when they attempt to prove it from Scripture alone that the argument fails to convince." Dr. Jacob, another distinguished member of the Church of England, in his Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament, page 66 and following, says: "In order to obtain a correct conception of the Christian ministry in its primitive state, it is necessary to distinguish clearly between what the Apostles themselves established in the church, and what was afterward found to be expedient as a further development of their polity. These (elders and deacons) were established in the churches by the Apostles themselves, while the episcopate, in the modern acceptance of the term, and as a distinct clerical order, does not appear in the New Testament, but was gradually introduced and extended throughout the church at a later period." Here then confessedly the historic episcopate was not established by Christ and His Apostles. It is easy to show how this change from apostolic organization gradually took place, but it is inconsistent with the purposes of this paper. The historic episcopate is not a development of the principles of apostolic organization, but a radical change.

There are New Testament bishops. Every pastor is one. These bishops are overseers of independent churches. They have no authority over other preachers, or believers, except that which comes from learning and wisdom, piety and eminent service. Their power is in no sense official. They are the honored servants of a free

people, and not "lords over God's heritage." If they are to be esteemed, it is "because of their work's sake," and not because of office. Dr. Lightfoot, the Episcopal Commentator, says on Philippians, page 194, that in the New Testament there is only one order, that the Apostles were not properly an order of ministers, not officers of any particular church, and had no locality; that their appointment was temporary and extraordinary, for a temporary and extraordinary purpose, and that they can have no successors in office, since to be eligible one must have been a witness of the resurrection. Acts 1:22, 23.

New Testament episcopacy was not diocesan, district, or territorial. The preachers were bishops only of the churches of which they were pastors. And the churches were distinct, independent bodies, each managing its own affairs, independent of every other, recognizing no human control or authority outside of itself.

With Baptists, and this paper is written for them, Christ has established the seat of authority, not in an infallible Pope, not in authoritative Bishops, or Presbyteries, or Conferences, but in the independent churches, and these have authority only over their own members.

H. F. S.

Clinton Meeting.

We have enjoyed one of the best meetings the town ever had. We had first a week of prayer which was characterized by large attendance and earnestness. Bro. McComb, from Gloster, came there on Monday and preached for twelve days. He is a man who carries everything to the Lord, and preaches the word with plainness and power. It is so easy and delightful to work with him. He is mighty in appeal and persuasion and the people listen and yield. He awakens the consciences of Christians to do their duty. The Lord was with us in demonstration of the Spirit. The brethren and sisters yielded themselves, many of them, willingly and gladly, to the Lord's work and consequently were blessed. Our Father gave us great joy in saving many souls. Fifty-five have been received for baptism, and seventy-five joined by letter, making one hundred and thirty. There are others for whom we are praying and working.

Brethren, pray with us, and I know that many of you have, and now rejoice with us. At the close of the meeting the church resolved to relieve the State Board of the help, three hundred dollars, which we have been getting, and added beside one hundred dollars to the pastor's salary. Dr. Lowrey has made an efficient deacon in this matter, the sure enough deacons have done their work nobly, and the whole church has done splendidly. Bro. McComb also helped beautifully. Our Sunday School yesterday went to three hundred and fifty, better than ever before.

We are now facing seriously the need of a church building and praying the Lord to help us to see and know His will. It is a great undertaking and we are troubled to know how it is to be done.

P. I. LIPSEY.

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Port Gibson.

On Tuesday night, October 20th, the writer began a meeting with Pastor S. R. Young in the Baptist church at Port Gibson, Miss. It would be difficult to report the result of the meeting. There was only one addition by letter, but several others will follow just as soon as they can get their letters, and both the pastor and people are hopeful for the future. I was deeply impressed with one thing while there, and that was that our more prosperous churches do not appreciate the importance of State Missions. To see these noble Baptists, though few in number as they are, struggle as they do to hear the pure Word of God is enough to touch the heart of any man who loves God. If I left there with one determination more than another it was that by the help of God I will see to it that my people shall do more for and know more about State Missions this next year than ever before. Bro. S. R. Young, of Martin, Miss., is the pastor, and he enjoys the love, respect and confidence of the church, town and community in general. With such a noble, consecrated man to lead this little flock there need be no fears as to the future of the Baptist cause in Port Gibson. There is hope for the future and nothing is as sure as the promise of God. The visiting preacher was not allowed to go at his own charges. A nice little purse of \$18.35 was handed him the night the services closed to show him their appreciation of his efforts. May God richly reward them in the future for what they are trying to do.

Yours in Him,

J. R. NUTT.

"Satan's Opinion of Prayer Meetings."

GREAT MEETING IN THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS PRESIDED OVER BY SATAN.

Satan. Friends, the order of the day calls for discussion upon Prayer Meetings. You know too well how much is at stake.

Evil Spirits. Yes! Yes!

Summer is over; very soon the Union of Christians will enter upon its period of activity. Hitherto, it is true, we have not suffered much from these undertakings; but we ought, let us remember, to maintain the steady vigor which we have exercised against their Prayer Meetings. There is nothing I detest so much as these meetings; there is nothing more fatal to my kingdom—it is important that this winter we re-double our watchfulness and effort. What do you think? I ask Sammael to speak.

Sammael. I entirely agree with the opinion of our President. Death to Prayer Meetings! But the better to accomplish our work, it is necessary that each of us do his duty, and I undertake to be answerable for lessening the number of attendances at the Meetings.

A Spirit. What! Have we not already done all that is possible to hope for in this way?

Sammael. Not by any means! I have so far succeeded that at least fourteen members out of every fifteen stay at home,

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but that is not enough yet. It is necessary to further reduce even this number to such a point that the directors of committees enter into our views, and themselves put a stop to the meetings.

Spirits. Well done! We heartily agree.

A Voice. How can you do it?

Sammael. It is very simple! I will suggest to the members that the meeting place is further away than they thought; that the weather is not favorable; that the meeting itself is of little importance. I will attempt to make them forget.

The Spirit of Idleness. Well done! I will be there to support you!

The Spirit of Disorder. I will arrange that in households meals may be late, that hindrances may come at the last moment, and that, tired of making the effort to go, people remain at home.

Sammael. Thanks! That will make it much easier. Friends, I rely upon you. Moreover, I will especially keep my eye upon the leaders. (Movement of attention.) Yes, I have noticed that if I can influence the leader, I control the whole meeting.

Satan. That is evident. Go on.

Sammael. I will arrange that the leader of the meeting has his meal hurriedly, that he has not a minute to choose his lesson, the portion of Scripture, the hymn, and especially no time to seek in secret the help of the Holy Spirit. I will fill his mind with various pre-occupations.

Spirit of Doubt. And I will be careful to intervene, so that he may not think possible for him to struggle against the indifference of all.

Satan. (Well satisfied.) Let us now suppose the meeting opened. What then?

The Spirit of Doubt. I will leave a little dust upon the hymn books and forms. I will make the lamp smoke, and according to circumstances I will make a draught, or stop the ventilation.

Satan. Very good. Go on.

The Spirit of Doubt. I shall arrange that the platform be far from the people, and that the people in the meeting be the furthest possible from one to another, as if infected by the plague. (General laughter.)

Sammael. These details have their importance, but I intend to watch our interests in a superior way. I keep to this, that they meet without the spirit of power, without earnestness, and without love.

Spirit of Doubt. And above all without faith. (Aside.) These deplorable promises of God have already given me great trouble.

Sammael. I will fill them with false shame and they will keep silent.

Satan. (Sharply.) Not all, I hope, I depend on the prayers of some—they help me to lull others to sleep.

Sammael. (A little vexed.) I would suggest silence to those whose words be a blessing. It is necessary that they should have closed lips, that they may never pray, or suggest a hymn, or recall a verse to anyone.

Spirits. Very good! that is enough. We shall triumph.

(The meeting was about to be closed,

when a new spirit arose from the abyss.)

The Spirit. Triumph? Not yet! I come to tell you of a new vexation. A certain number, resolved among themselves to conquer us, pray already that the meetings of the winter may be blessed. They are those who believe in the promises of God, and who are determined to persevere until our power be shaken. (Movement of uneasiness.)

Sammael. They are so few in number. Spirit of Doubt. But what matter, if they believe?

Satan. They believe, you! Friends, you discourage me! By their faith they are able to arouse the Church! If they believe, resistance is useless! I tell you in the name of my long experience, we can do nothing against faith!

(The Spirits disappear into darkness with the rapidity of Lightning.)—From Our Onward Way.

Poplarville.

Have just closed a great meeting here; great because of the congregations attending—could not seat the people at times; great because of the purity and power of the preaching; great because of the visible results. For eight days Bro. W. E. Ellis of Crystal Springs, presented Christ as "the way, the truth, and the life." The visible results are: Church greatly revived, and 38 added to its membership—28 by baptism. At the close the church voted to raise the pastor's salary \$100.00, making \$600.00 for one-half time service.

Bro. E. Carries with him our love, and our prayers shall ever follow him.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

J. T. DALE.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

Collins.

Have just closed a meeting here with six accessions. Bro. J. P. Culpepper did the preaching, and did great good. Last Sunday we raised \$500 which lands us out of debt. Our big church house is paid for and we are happy. I baptized Bro. Culpepper about twenty years ago, and now he is paying me off in good gospel work. We raised a barrel of fine syrup for the Orphans at Salem last meeting. Everything O. K. down here.

T. D. BUSH.

Oct. 22, 1903.

Encouraged Pastor.

It was my privilege to assist Rev. J. O. Hill in a meeting with his church at Taylor last August, and a very blessed privilege it was too. Finding that in the few months he had been preaching there he had gained some very true friends, who were truly anxious to be helpers to their pastor, I told them how people had greatly helped me in my early ministry, and how my membership helped me where I now preach.

Some good women readily went to work and one placed a good purse of money in my hands with instructions to buy some good Gospel books for Bro. Hill. It was a real pleasure to do this, and now he has a large and better library, and Taylor church has a growing preacher. Only a few days ago one of these noble women wrote me about this matter and said, "I am so glad you led me to help in this way."

One reason why a great many of our preachers are so poorly equipped and succeed so poorly, is because of the discouragements heaped upon them. "Preacher boy" are nearly always poor, and many of our best start from uncultured homes—ignorant and penniless. The goal, graduation, is a long way off, and the way is so dark, the journey beset by so very many difficulties, that many a noble boy falls by the way. I know the struggles of a "poor preacher boy." Let them struggle, but be sure to see that when they make a manly fight that they shall be given strength to still struggle. Do not do them struggling for them; that would injure them by making them weak.

Now the course is run, the boy has graduated and enters the pastorate. In very many cases his largest asset is a note representing a neat little sum due an indulgent friend; the next item is a painfully small library; then a correspondingly small salary; the last and most deplorable item in his assets is very often a contemptible salary, narrow-minded deacon, who says, "Our pastor is a young man, unmarried, and doesn't need much, but is a pretty good preacher for a boy."

In a short time the young man has used his stock of material, and, having nothing to draw from, is soon compelled to change, and the deacon wonders why his preaching is not so good as it used to be.

Now I will offer a suggestion to all brethren who want to be real helpers to their pastor. Brother, by all means, pray very fervently for him; often speak an encouraging word to him about his work. Kind words from a sincere heart, will be always received as precious jewels. Never speak to any one of your pastor anything that will in any degree detract from his usefulness. If he is in error in anything, see him very privately and very kindly tell him this mistake. Let him know you love him.

Now brethren, prove the sincerity of your words, as the Taylor church did for Bro. Hill. Occasionally give him a substantial proof of your love and devotion. Knowing by actual experience how these

things help one, I write this hoping to help some church do a good work. Only a few days ago a brother's kindness helped me put nearly a score of valuable books in my library. There are noble, godly, earnest men all over our State preaching, who greatly need books, kind words, and assurances of love. Let the reader determine to gladden his pastor's heart and twenty others will join you in doing it.

W. JAS. ROBINSON.

Water Valley, Miss.

Kansas City.

BY J. F. HAILEY.

BROTHER EDITOR:—When I left Mississippi a month ago, I was sure I would write you as soon as I had time to look round up here, but I've been so busy I hardly knew which way to turn. A man becomes accustomed to confusion till it becomes almost a native element. I am becoming acclimated so that I can work with such hurry as I never saw before, except in Chicago, Baltimore, or Washington, going all round me.

There are so many things of interest to me that I am well-nigh at a loss to know what to mention first. Most of your readers will be curious to know something of the churches. I have been to only three, two here and one at Independence, twelve miles southeast. I heard the pastors of these. Neither of the others compares with our own McConnell as to delivery. He is immense, even in Kansas City. His church, Calvary, is the "swell" Baptist church of the city. I have heard them accused of being cold and formal. McConnell will warm them, I predict.

The Christian Scientists have the finest church here, and are building a finer. I am preparing a lecture on that cult by special request.

At Independence the Joe Smith, Jr., branch of Mormons have the finest church, I believe. They number 1,400 in that town of 12,000. On Main Street they have, perhaps, the finest lot in town, neatly fenced, nicely set with shade trees, and well kept, ready for the placing of the New Jerusalem, which is to descend upon that exact spot. This branch of Mormons eschew polygamy, and, from what I know of them, are peaceable, respectable citizens. It may not be generally known, but Mormonism and Campbellism, as to doctrine, aside from polygamy and miracles, are twin sisters, having arisen at the same time, among the same people, and both having adopted Alexander Campbell's Institutes as their creed.

I am making this letter too long, but I must help Bro. Rice along with his joke.

I said Sumner had been cursed with preachers, some of whom ought to be in the penitentiary, if reports be true. Bro. Rice calls attention to the fact that he and I and C. H. Mize and W. M. Hicks and some others have preached there, and suggested that I bring my energies to bear in explaining who ought to be in the pen. As for Mize, the church showed its estimate by giving him a hearty, unanimous

call, and promised the biggest salary they ever paid and a home in the bargain. As to myself, they paid me \$65 for less than two weeks' work and said, "Be sure to come again." As to one other, the Tennessee editor demands an apology of J. N. Hall for classing him with such a man. Two played the rascal. Bro. Rice may bring his energies to bear now, as I leave the joke with him.

Please change my address to 2,223 E 9th Street.

Oct. 25, 1903.

The General Association.

This body met Saturday, October 24th, 1903, with the New Home Church, Smith County, seven miles above Summerland on the Laurel branch of the Gulf & Ship Island R. R. Bro. G. W. Rainer preached the Introductory Sermon; an earnest and interesting discourse.

Bro. N. L. Clarke was re-elected president. He has been president at every meeting from the organization, and although ninety-two years of age, still has the physical strength and mental ability to rule with equity and promptness. Nothing diverts him from the "old paths."

Having declined re-election, Bro. B. F. Röper was succeeded by Bro. W. B. Sapping, of the Mississippi Baptist, as Secretary—notwithstanding his protest. Bro. Geo. W. Rainer was chosen again as 1st vice president, and Bro. Abner Walker, 2nd. Bro. D. T. Chapman was re-elected treasurer; he has been long in the service.

The report of the Executive Board showed remarkable progress, both in collections and increased work. Bro. Secretary Rowe made a strong speech in favor of harmony, which was heartily received, and there has been no unkind feeling manifested towards the Convention.

On the Lord's Day the first preaching hour was courteously given to Bro. Rowe and the people were amply repaid in the sermon—"the commitment of the Word" to God's people. At the close of the services a liberal collection was taken up for missions.

Of course this scribe was given an opportunity to speak by the chart, and urge the importance—indeed the absolute necessity of the Sunday-school work. This and Colportage were earnestly pressed Monday, when the reports were being discussed.

There are lively Baptists about New Home, and they know how to take care of visiting brethren. Bro. Z. K. Gilmore suggested that he wanted two more, as he only had thirty-two. We are indebted to him and his sons for entertainment and other favors.

Sunday afternoon, Bro. J. R. Carter preached an excellent sermon, and presented the matter of the Orphan's Home. It was most kindly remembered in an offering, and one brother proposed to give a cow. We did not remain till the adjournment of the association; so do not know where it goes next year.

L. A. DUNCAN.

What Is the Harm in the Ball?

III.

Since the appearance of the preceding articles a desire to see more of the history of dancing has been expressed by good brethren. The original purpose excludes all history, not germane to the question in hand. A number of Greek words translated by, to leap; to jump for joy, to play and to dance, etc., are not found in the history of dancing, after it was taught, as an art, and received into religious service. The ancient history and the moral tone of dancing is indicated by the names of three dances. These words are "keros," "orkesis" and "komos." "Keros" has been defined in a previous article.

This dance was "accompanied with song. A choral dance, such as were danced on festival occasions in honor to the Gods." (Liddell and Scott.)

A large number of women formed a circle. When the song began all sides stepped to the right, singing and throwing bodies and arms to time. The songs are religious. Or the dancers form in a column and march through vineyards or groves, executing the dance. The "keros" is right or wrong, innocent or sinful according to the purpose of the dancers. When Miriam led the dance in the praise of God for the great deliverance, it was holy. It was worthy of mention in the Holy Bible. (Exodus xv. 20.)

When many of the people of Israel executed the "keros" in honor and praise of the golden calf it was treason against the God of Israel. It was wicked to the last degree. The purpose, the intention, fixes the moral character of all actions which are innocent and proper in themselves.

"Orkesis," from orkomi, is a pantomimic dance, executed by one person. (Liddell and Scott.) This dance is holy or sinful according to the occasion and purpose. When the Ark of the Lord came into Jerusalem amid the sound of the trumpet and shouting, King David layed aside his royal apparel and went before the ark dancing alone in honor to God, who had made him to be king over Israel. The "orkesis" (the dance) was holy and grand. It was worthy of record.

When this dance was executed in the palace of Herod in honor of his birthday and for a sinful purpose, it was wicked, a disgrace to humanity.

The other dance is "komos," a jovial festivity, with music and dancing, a revel. This dance was executed in honor of Bacchus, in honor of victors of games. It was held in honor of a lover or of a friend, etc. (Liddell and Scott.) The elements which enter into this dance make a dangerous, sinful combination. The usual elements were: (1) A desire for fun, merry making; (2) voluptuous music; (3) mixed dancing, or the sexes dancing together; (4) wine, and night. "Gather not my soul with sinners." "O my soul, come not thou into their secret."

This dance, komos, is condemned in Galatians v. 19 as capping the climax of the works of the flesh. "(19) Now the works

of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19-21. Komos is translated revellings. In 1 Peter iv. 3 and Romans xiii. 13 komos is condemned.

It would be wrong to say that the ball is the outgrowth, the child of the komos. It is the komos itself. Translated into English it is a ball, a revel, a jovial festivity with music and dancing. (Liddell and Scott.)

If a komos, a reveler, a dancer from Athens could come from a grave of 2,000 years, and visit Washington City, at an Inauguration Ball, after the president and all good people had retired, he would be very much at home. He would find all that quickened his young life in other days, as night, voluptuous music, wine, mixed dancing, plus the amorous waltz. "The Romans in general considered it disgraceful for a few citizens to dance" (The University Encyclopedia.) "Dancing in private society was done by professional dancers, and not by the company themselves." (Chamber's Encyclopedia.) In early times those who perverted the exercises to amusement were considered profane and infamous, (Hitto.) "The Romans too, had dancing girls at entertainments, but regarded it as a disreputable calling." "It was disgraceful both to dance, and for a virgin to come into the banquetting hall to men who had drank freely." (Quoted by Broadus in Matthew.)

It is distressing to see Christian parents allowing amusements which shocked heathen parents a thousand years ago. During the latter days of the Roman Empire the city of Rome fell into immorality and vice and she corrupted her provinces. We are reaping the fruits today. Job did not sleep soundly when his children were feasting together, Job 1.

"And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually."

Parents now are not nervous while their children are reveling in the arms of unholly strangers.

Living in pleasure and seeking pleasure is dishonoring to God and ruinous to souls.

James v. 5: "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."

SYLLOGISM.

1. Parties seeking pleasure and sensual gratification, dishonor God and jeopardize their souls.

2. Balls are parties seeking pleasure and sensual gratification.

3. Therefore balls dishonor God and jeopardize souls.

If all acts, parties and plays are to be judged by the motive, how can our ball please God better than the "komos," or the dance of the wicked in Job's day?

The Lord led Cyrus a heathen, by the hand, to accomplish his holy will. He controlled the utterances of Balaam; and so an unerring providence guided the pen that wrote:

"After the ball is over,
After the break of morn,
After the dancers' leaving,
After the stars are gone,
Many a heart is aching,
If you could read them all,
Many the hopes that have vanished,
After the ball."

Lessons From My Boyhood Days.

When I was a boy my father farmed. He used to repair his fences every spring. Generally this repairing was done by putting a few new rails on top. The result was that the fence usually had a lot of "rotten" rails at the bottom. Hence, it was necessary for us to tear up and re-set the entire "string" sometimes. And when that became necessary, if the "worm" rail was not heart, it was rotten; and, if it was heart, it had so imbedded itself in the earth, that it was hard to move.

In our routine church life, we usually have our repairing season—our protracted meeting, better known now as our annual series of services. Generally this repair work consists, in the main, in laying on a few rails. So it comes to pass that we are too apt to measure the success of a meeting by the number of members taken in. Getting members is all right, provided the members are all heart. Sap rails, and sap church members are alike in this, namely: neither can stand the weather. The modern ecclesiastical fence has too much sappy material in it. The result is, in nearly all the churches there is a lot of "rotten stuff," not fit even for fire wood, and absolutely worthless for fertilizer. It's like the salt that's lost its savor. We have all feared to get it out, because it would leave us with so few heart rails. And then it's much easier to lay on a few rails than to disturb the entire fence. And so the matter has gone on from season to season, until many of our once "pillars" in the church—heart rails—have become so imbedded in the soil, or I had best say "rubbish," that it takes the energy of an entire week's meeting to move them at all. Let us not be afraid to disturb the fence. I am convinced we have too many members, so called. We need, in the fear of God, to lay a new worm. What we need is heart, all heart, and nothing but heart. Let men join the church if they want to; but first of all induce them to accept Christ! If a man is not a Christian, his place is out of the church. He can't drink the cup the church hands him. He is sap. And if a man is a Christian, he not only ought to be a church member, but a working member. Our churches need discipline applied, but applied in the spirit of love.

ROSIER GAVIN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

JAS. ROBINSON.

Ps. 23—Nov. 15, 1903.

David's Trust in God.

Golden Text.—"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." The Lord is ever ready to display graciousness toward his people, and here he does it by assuming the character of a shepherd. We should be thankful that God reveals himself to us at all, and our joy should know no bounds when he manifests such condescensions. *I shall not want.* Faith in God has the basis of true sublimity; here we see faith resting in its full height. With one sweep of confidence in his relation to God David covers all circumstances and conditions that may be in time and banishes all anxiety; then facing the uncertainties of the unknown eternal he still sings. God's great love removes all doubts about his people's needs.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. God's Word is full of needful food for the soul to feast upon. Where the grass is long, sweet and tender the sheep will never hunger; just as the soul trusting God and believing His Word, will never hunger. Notice, the Lord maketh me to lie down, he fills, satisfies. *He leadeth me beside the still waters.* Sheep are fearful of water and will not venture much in it. But these "still waters" is the Holy Spirit's influence. How he comes to cleanse, strengthen, cheer and make the soul productive. The Spirit operates gently as the dew.

He restoreth my soul. "When the soul grows sorrowful he revives it; when it is faint he sanctifies it; when it is weak he strengthens it." Spurgeon. Note, the Lord himself does this. *He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.* The truly devout soul is willing to be led by God's love, not only to obey one commandment, but to obey all. It is of his free grace that he leads us and we should be joyous to know he is so gracious.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not. The Psalmist here gives expression to a sublime confidence. In the valley of the shadow of death he will walk, move on in a gentle undisturbed manner. He does not say there is no evil, but there is none to him. Christ has conquered death and trod the grave of its victim for us. *Faithful art with me.* God is faithful to his people at all times, and under all circumstances. Nothing can be more blessed than the presence of the Lord. *Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.* The rod suggests correction, while the staff suggests help, but each is helpful to those who love the Lord. All God's dealings, severe though they may be, are very gracious and should be received as a blessing.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Good men often have enemies, not among good men, but among bad ones. It is an honor to be recognized as a mighty foe to evil. Though he has his enemies God prepares a

table where he eats leisurely and not in the hurry as a soldier eating in the presence of a battle. *Thou anointest my head with oil.* The Lord gives daily refreshing to those who serve him in sincerity. If we would only stop to consider how precious his anointing is we would seek it. *My cup runneth over.* The Lord measures his grace abundantly to us. When he blesses he not only meets our real necessities, but cheerfully does more.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. The soul that puts its confidence in God has no reason for dreading anything. God's goodness and mercy is to them a body guard. *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* The Psalmist here has reference to taking part in the congregational worship of Jehovah. His words are also a prophecy of his admission to heaven.

From the Field.

Per force of circumstances the Tramp spent a day and night in Yazoo City. As has been his custom, he left the train at this place expecting to take a boat to Silver City, but there was no boat and he had to stay. The day was spent most pleasantly with the good Bishop Derrick. Not to be outdone upon enquiry some new Baptist folks were hunted up and the Baptist will visit them the next year.

Silver City was reached by way of Thornton and the Sabbath was devoted to preaching here and at midnight. These Silver City-ites are a generous people. They will pay the preacher, but some of them are not "practicing religion much." Anyway they treat the preacher nicely.

A day and two nights were spent in Belzona, where Bishop Cooper was holding a meeting, assisted by W. P. Price. Much interest was being manifested by the good people.

A day was also spent at Indianola. Pastor Mobberly is moving along handsomely in this field. A few renewals and some new names was the reward of this visit.

Inverness. The usual monthly services were held. The people all enjoyed the association and were greatly disappointed that the session closed so soon. They wanted more of it. The impression is abroad that the visit of the brethren did us good. But home and a little rest and then.

O. M. LUCAS.

Our Foreign Mission Work.

BY R. J. WILLINGHAM, C. S.

The brethren (and surely the sisters) will be glad to hear that God is greatly blessing our missionaries in foreign lands. Peace, harmony and good will reign among them. They are pushing forward and send back to us good news of blessed progress. Many are being baptized and new churches are being organized. We are thankful for every convert and every new church. Though some are very feeble, they shine as stars in the midnight darkness by which they are surrounded. Those who read the letters from the missionaries in the Foreign Mission Journal, and also

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A GREAT NEED.

Just now we are needing men—greatly needing them for important points at the front. There is hardly a country in which we are laboring, but what we need in it right now one or more strong men for the work. How can we get them? Let us pray to God for them—not only in secret, but in our churches, and associations and Conventions, let us plead with God for them. Christ taught us to ask His Father to send them forth. He can put it into the hearts of strong, experienced pastors, as well as young men, to offer themselves. Surely, if we go to Him in faith, He will hear us. Brethren, the need is very great. We ask you to take this matter on your hearts in prayer to God.

STRONG MISSIONARIES.

We are glad to say to the brotherhood that a number of missionaries whom we have sent in the last few years are developing into very strong missionaries. They are patiently, earnestly, faithfully standing at their posts. Many at home know not of their struggles and trials and triumphs, but in the years to come men will rise up to call them blessed, and what is better, souls redeemed will praise God for their noble lives. We and others have written often of our noble beloved older veterans, but we are glad to say to the brethren that some of the noblest are just entering on the blessed service. You are fellow workers with them.

RECEIPTS FOR SIX MONTHS.

We decided to try to raise \$300,000 this Convention year. So far the receipts have not been very large, as our different State Mission works had to be provided for. Still the receipts have not been discouraging. Some States have gone far ahead of receipts for the same period last year; others have fallen behind. We give below the receipts from May 1st, 1903, to Nov. 2nd, 1903:

Virginia.....	\$10,753 06
Georgia.....	6,612 01
Missouri.....	6,120 41

South Carolina.....	5,715 12
Kentucky.....	4,333 44
Tennessee.....	3,971 38
Alabama.....	3,517 55
North Carolina.....	3,210 92
Texas.....	2,034 90
Mississippi.....	1,714 11
Maryland.....	760 92
Louisiana.....	443 05
District of Columbia.....	232 29
Florida.....	230 25
Oklahoma Territory.....	109 83
Indian Territory.....	101 46
Arkansas.....	86 45
Other Sources.....	571 52

Total.....\$50,538 67

INFORMATION AND INTEREST.

We notice constantly that Information begets interest, and hence are anxious that our people read and hear of the work. The Foreign Journal is a missionary in the home and church. We will gladly send sample copies, free,—also missionary tracts and other information. The beautiful large Missionary Map of the World we still deliver at any Postoffice for the very low price of \$3. These maps have sold rapidly and given eminent satisfaction.

DIFFICULTIES.

Yes, they are many, at home and abroad. The devil furnishes them for timid and for doubting hearts. But God leads us on. Let us remember it is His work. He promises His power and His presence.

JOY AND PRAISE.

As we look over the fields, there is enough to fill our hearts with joy and our mouths with praise to God. Surely He has blessed us. Brethren, the work is His, and we are His. Millions need to know the blessed gospel of His love, and He commands you and me in terms clear and strong—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let every church—every member—rise and obey.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 2nd, 1903.

Canton, Mo.

Our meeting here will close tomorrow night. We have had ten additions and are expecting three or four more. This is a hard field. The Campbellites have their great (State) University here. The infidels have a strong club and the Methodists and Presbyterians are equal in numbers to our people. The fight has been on since October the 4th and reminds me of our month's battle in Holly Springs with Pastor Swain. I tried to preach the gospel and contend for the faith. We had a crowded house to hear the sermon on "Regeneration," and many of the Campbellites and Catholics got mad and some of them would not come any more. The sermon on the "Publican's Prayer," was the means of salvation to one sinner, and more than a dozen other sinners, baptized and unbaptized, got madder still. So you see the gospel makes some mad and saves some. The sermon lecture, "Jerusalem under the Turks" last Sunday at 3 p. m. in

the court house, to a very large crowd, made all the infidels in town mad.

The sermon on "Temperance" made all the saloon keepers, "boot-leggers," and dram drinking, church-members in the whole town mad. The Judge told me 60 cases out of 64 tried before him last year in Canton, were whisky cases. I told that to the audience, and said it would be cheaper for the town of Canton to abolish the saloons, and support the saloon keeper's family, than to pay out so much money by taxation in the courts. Any town had better vote to keep up the saloon-keeper's family, by taxation than to vote for a saloon. It would be cheaper and we would have less misery, and better society. This made some tax payers mad. The sermon on "Baptism" made some of the Methodists and Presbyterians mad. Is it not strange how people get mad and recede from the truth?

If we offer a Methodist or a Presbyterian a coin that every bank accepts, he takes it in payment of a debt, but if we offer him a "baptism" that every church on earth accepts, he gets mad. How strange! One of the deacons told me last night that the Devil was madder in Canton than he had been in ten years. The pastor, Bro. Brite told me that every family in town knew the meeting was on and that everyone had expressed themselves one way or the other about the meeting. This was the way it was at Holly Springs last July. God is blessing us here in Missouri, our strength is in God, and through Christ we shall have victory.

God is giving me more work than I can do. My time is about full till latter part of January. This is a beautiful city, on the Mississippi river 160 miles above St. Louis. The weather is fine, and we are hard at work. Bro. Brite, the pastor, is a full graduate of William Jewell College, and our Seminary at Louisville, and is a fine man to work with. God bless all the friends in Mississippi.

FRANK M. WELLS.

Rev. G. B. Butler.

I was much pained to hear that Mississippi was soon to lose Brother Butler. He goes from Natchez to the pastorate at Bryan, Texas. It was my pleasure last year to preach the dedication sermon of their new building in Natchez. Brother Butler has certainly done a great work there, and he has a wonderfully strong hold on the city. He goes to a splendid pastorate in Texas, and I hope that great blessings will attend his work.

It seems to be one of the missions of Mississippi to furnish other States with fine preachers. We have a lot of excellent young preachers in the College this year, and, if the brethren will stand by us in our work of Ministerial Education, we hope soon to have some new men ready to take part in the great work that is before us. Our mission is to evangelize the world, and whether they stay in Mississippi, or go to other States, or enter foreign fields, it is the Master's work, and we are willing for him to guide.

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I've labored in my vineyard, thou dost know
I've sold my rights to the minstrel show;
I've given my heart to strangers in our town,
Their contentions to our church put down,
I've bailed out of bonds for Wednesday's sake
An old time for it's going to be;
I've dressed the dolls for our annual fair,
And made a which, we'll raffle there.
Now, with thy boundless wisdom, so sublime,
Thou knowest that these duties all take time;
I have no more to fight my spirit's foes,
I have no more to mend my husband's clothes,
My children from the streets from morn till night,
I have no more to teach them to do right.
But thou, O Lord, considering my cares,
With countless righteousness and heed my prayer,
Bless the minister and the minstrel show,
And put in parts of all to go.
Induce all to be patrons;
The men who our programs advertise;
Because I've used those merchants till they're broke,
When'er I see me coming—yes, they did.
Increase the contributions to our fair,
And bless the people who assemble there.
Bless the gypsies and the gypsy tent,
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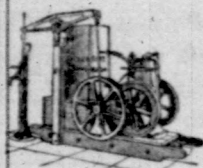
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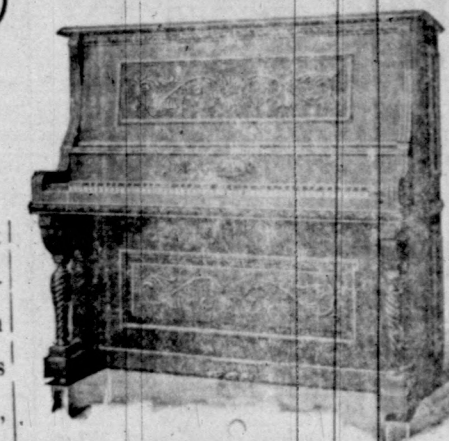
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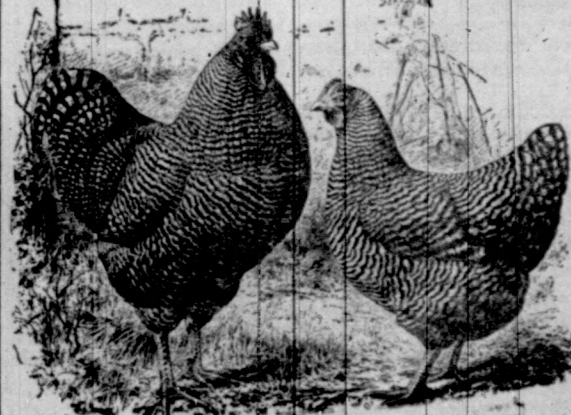
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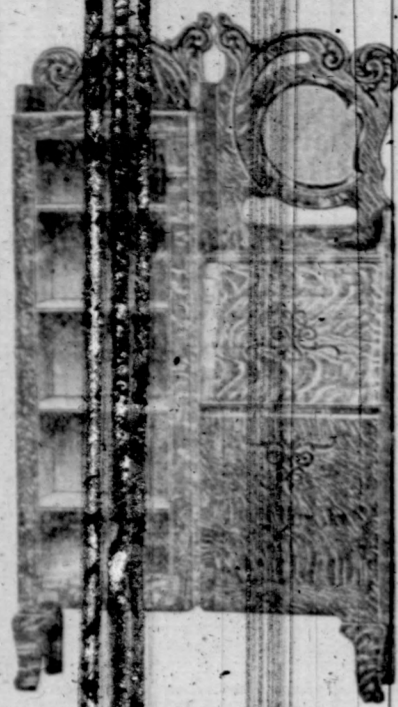
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Deaths.

[Death notices of 100 words and marriage notices of 25 are printed free; all over, cost one cent per word, which must accompany copy of notice.]

Woodly Purvis.

Woodly Purvis, age 6 years 2 months and 10 days, died from membranous croup at Mayton, Miss., November 3rd. He was the only son of J. M. and M. Purvis; was sick but a few days, and was buried in the Mayton cemetery November 4th. A large crowd was present to express their love and sympathy to Brother and Sister Purvis. The funeral was conducted by W. P. Chapman, who is a special friend to the bereaved family. Brother and Sister Purvis wish to emphasize their lasting gratitude to their neighbors and friends for kindness shown them in their affliction. May God in His love console the weeping parents and family.

In Memoriam.

The pure spirit of Mrs. Minnie Coody Hall passed to its final reward and rest October 21, 1903, after a tedious and painful illness lasting many days, and borne with that Christian fortitude and resignation so characteristic of her whole life.

A friend who has known her from earliest childhood, coming now to pay tribute to her blessed memory, stands weeping over the grave so newly made, and is wanting in words fully to express, not only his own deep sorrow, but also all those who knew and loved her in this life.

The first and only born of a Christian home, and the very light and joy of its sacred precincts, she was a blessing to those under its hallowed influence, and a benediction to those who came in contact with her gentle life. Her early Christian training, so amply exemplified in the every-day home-life, made a deep and abiding impression on her young heart, and early turned her thought and life to deeds of love and charity, and amid all life's changing environments and circumstances she was the same sweet spirit that knew no distinction in life's varied conditions, and the rich and the poor, the high and the low, were to her alike the object of her religious concern, and loving ministrations. Her own strong convictions were her sole guide to duty, and neither public applause nor universal approval influenced her in doing of what she conceived to be her duty. In fact it was so inherent in her to do good, that her whole life was made up of sacrifices for the happiness and comfort of others.

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loving wife, whose life gave so much of hope and promise of happiness for the days to come.

As a daughter she was obedient and trusting; as a wife, faithful and confiding; as a mother, tender and patient. The world can ill spare such a she, while Heaven is enriched by her coming.

There are those remaining who weep for her and mourn her departure, but there is a dear one just gone before who will welcome her to that Happy Land where there is no sorrow, and where death comes not.

May the richest consolation of Heaven rest upon the bereaved parents, and husband is the prayer of a faithful friend.

B. W.

Simmons-Ray.

Mr. George W. Simmons and Miss Lucy Ray of Utica were married at the pastor's home at 3:30 p. m. November 8th, 1903.

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MAN'S WORK.

W. C. Layton, Editor.
O. Clinton, Miss.
[The following communications for this department are from O. Clinton, Miss.]

Central Committee:
Mr. J. H. Hackett, President,
Mrs. W. R. Woods,
S. C. Merriam.

Program.
November, 1903.

8:30 a. m. Mexico and Brazil.
9:00 a. m. Deny themselves for Christ.
10:00 a. m. Sing hymns. Stand up. Stand up.
10:30 a. m. Doctrine of Service—Matt. 23:1-12; Matt. 10:37-39; Luke 14:26; Matt. 20:27, 28. Special Instruction—John 4:4, 36; Matt. 9:37, 38; Luke 10:1-6.

11:00 a. m. by Ladies.
1:00 p. m. of Postals. These should be made a part of every meeting after the promise that each will be returned with some item regarding Mexico or the Southern Catholicism.

2:00 p. m. "Meditation Rankin."
3:00 p. m. Minutes Song Service.

4:00 p. m. Minutes of Last Meeting, etc.
5:00 p. m. from: "Baptist Brieflets."

6:00 p. m. from: S. L. Gansburg.
7:00 p. m. Brazil. Persecution has our people. Our plan for 1904 is to spread the truth into all the hearts of the people of this State. The churches are exhorted to support our mission by calling "The Missionary" to be read free. We are expecting great things for this year. The present mission is a crisis in this State. Help us with your prayers.

8:00 p. m. Service. That the devices of the enemy be overturned, and the Word of God rule in their stead.

9:00 p. m. Thought: Who is my neighbor? Luke 10:25, 37.

Following amounts have been reported to me for the quarter ending September 30, 1903.

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Starkville—State missions \$20, foreign missions 5.

Columbus—Home missions \$13, home uses 9.50.

COPIAH ASSOCIATION.

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Crystal Springs—Foreign missions \$15.

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Smyrna—Home missions \$9.85, foreign missions 1.95, home uses 37.70, Orphanage 36.95.

Damascus—Home uses \$12.20.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Utica—State missions \$15, foreign missions 5, home uses 9.25, church building and loan 5, Sunday School Board 7.55.

Second Church, Jackson—State missions \$20, foreign missions 5, home uses 118.60.

Clinton—Home missions \$5.28.

Learned—Home missions \$1, home uses 10.

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Durant—Boxes \$60.

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The Wine Bibber and His Companions.

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Be not among wine bibbers: For the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty.

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?

They that tarry long at the wine. Perhaps the wine bibber's companions can recall occasions when their unfortunate friend had contentions and wounds without cause, and much babbling.

And this is a man, made in the image of God Himself, and crowned nature's king: See him as he staggers homeward from the dram-shop, his breath foul with the fiery liquid, the brand of sin on the brow from which reason is fled, and his brain so seared with the accursed drink that he is not capable of high and holy thoughts.

Alas! he tarried too long at the wine.

He remembers when he was a pure-minded, rosy-cheeked boy, and how his cheeks burned with shame when he took his first drink at the bar—but they were so kind and attentive there, and everybody was so jolly that he couldn't resist the temptation of going again.

He remembers, too, how he didn't intend to ever become a drunkard—only took a glass occasionally just to be social. Now his face which once bore God's image has become the foul brand of intemperance.

It is fearful to contemplate the many slaves of this evil habit of strong drink. The vile stuff has ruined many a man, who, but for its influence could have reached a destiny high and glorious.

Intemperance is the most prolific cause of pauperism and it is an admitted fact that seven-eighths of the crimes committed are the results of the liquor traffic and its intemperance increases insanity and idiocy, the people must pay taxes to build and support institutions for these subjects. I once heard a church member argue that saloons were a good thing to have in our country as they helped swell the county treasury. A very dear tax, I should say, when we are willing to offer up

the youths of our country a willing sacrifice to the alcohol fiend for the paltry sum of a few dollars.

The money value of churches, schools and benevolent societies does not pay the Nation's drink bill—and the expense of this is nothing compared to the traffic in immortal souls, as about one hundred thousand die annually from the effects of intemperance. Alcohol unstrings the nervous system, causes diseases of the liver, heart and blood and weakens the entire system, thus laying the foundation for disease and death.

There is no truth in the generally accepted opinion that liquor fortifies the body against cold and imparts new strength. On the contrary it only drives the blood to the surface by the rapid work of the heart thus causing a momentary sense of warmth. When reaction sets in, chilliness is experienced and the last stage of that man is worse than the first.

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Again it is written: Nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Do you think we celebrate the birth of the blessed Christ in the way that would be well pleasing in his sight?

How many of you can conscientiously ask God's blessing on your Christmas dram and in honor (?) of Him who came to save us from all sin, take into your body that which will defile you, and which is the great curse of our land, ruining, destroying thousands yearly?

Let your answer be to God. Another companion of the wine bibber, and his best and dearest friend so long as his money lasts, is the rum-seller. I have often wondered if the rum-seller ever tried to measure the future influence his dram-shop

Sad indeed is it to fall into a drunken sleep, only to awake in the presence of a sin-avenging God as many do, and as a far cost of each drink as God shall keep the record. In God's Record there will be a strict account of every bitter tear shed, every sad heart throb, every ruined and desolate home, every drunkard's grave, and every orphan's prayer. The liquor dealer some times tries to excuse himself on the plea that they just as well sell whisky and have the profit as others, for people will drink it. If have it they must let not mine be the hand to deal out this liquid death to my fellow creatures for it is written: Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink. Woe unto him by whom the offence cometh.

Nothing but woe, woe, can the liquor dealer expect of God as a reward for his labors.

What can a man give in exchange for a soul? If Christians one and all would unite their efforts against this "matchless evil," and fight it at home, in the churches, in the school-room, everywhere, and let it alone themselves, liquor dealers would soon give up their trade.

But upon us, Oh, Christian mothers, is the hardest battle in this temperance warfare. Yet God gives us such wonderful opportunities for reaping a golden harvest for our Master. Remember: "The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world," and we mothers and teachers now hold in our hands the future nation.

These little ones are as clay to be molded and fitted for the use of the blessed Master. If we neglect to do this, we fail in the greatest and noblest mission God gives us. Let us teach our little ones to shun the wine bibber and his companions, and above all to shun the wine cup, for "It biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

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Annual Orphanage issue of THE BAPTIST will appear next week. We already have on hand several good and appropriate articles for this issue, and expect to be able to furnish others. Need people take interest in the carrying of the orphanage and of reading of their needs.

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An Ideal Hallowe'en Party.

A curious festival is this of Hallowe'en on the vigil of All Saints' Day. Of course, every one knows that witches and elves and all the strange people of that land of superstition dear to the young and the ignorant are wandering about this prosaic old earth, glad to shake off the sleep of the twelvemonth and show their pointed caps and hoary beards.

To an ideal Hallowe'en party a very necessary setting is an old-fashioned barn with lofts and stalls, and perchance at the back an orchard of gnarled apple tree, casting weird shadows in the moonlight; but if this is impossible, the kitchen's the place. Candles, apples and nuts are undoubtedly the most favorable media through which the witches

may acquaint us with our future fates. This is one of a young girl's favorite methods of learning the name of her future husband. She selects as many candles of equal length as there are men in her acquaintance whom she considers among the "probabilities," and after naming each one she lights them, and allows them to burn five minutes. The candle which is the shortest at the end of the stipulated time indicates the chosen lover.—November Woman's Home Companion.

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